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THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE & FRIENDS

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Here comes the Thomas go-kart!

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Peep! Peep! There is a very special event being held on the Island of Sodor and the Fat Controller's grandchildren are going to take part in it! Turn to page 3, to find out what this special occasion can be. Don't miss our second story either! We are going to celebrate Thomas's birthday! Peep! Peep!

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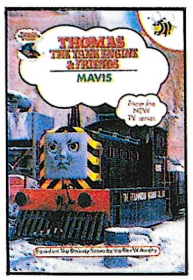

THIS WEEK'S COMPETITION!

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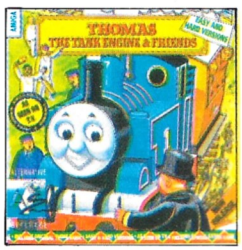

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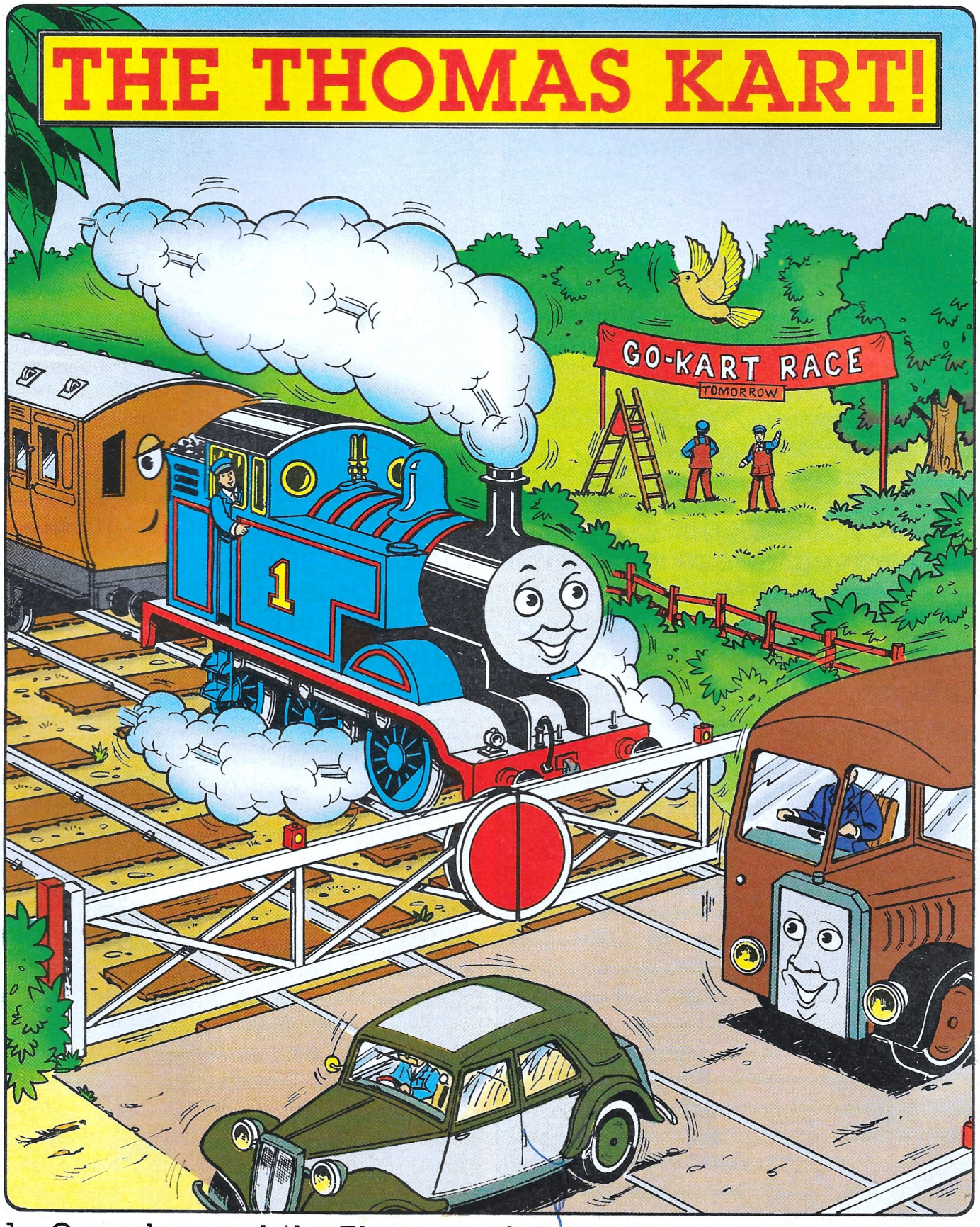
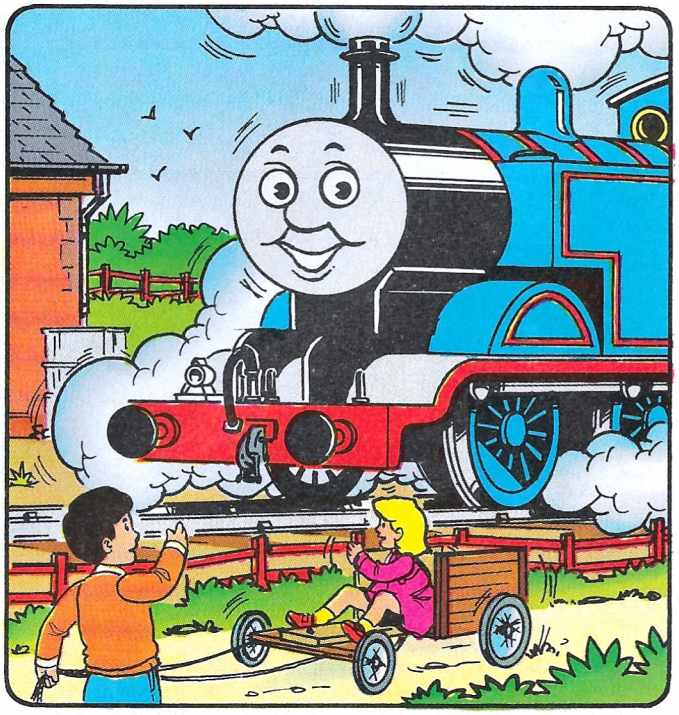
THE THOMAS KART!

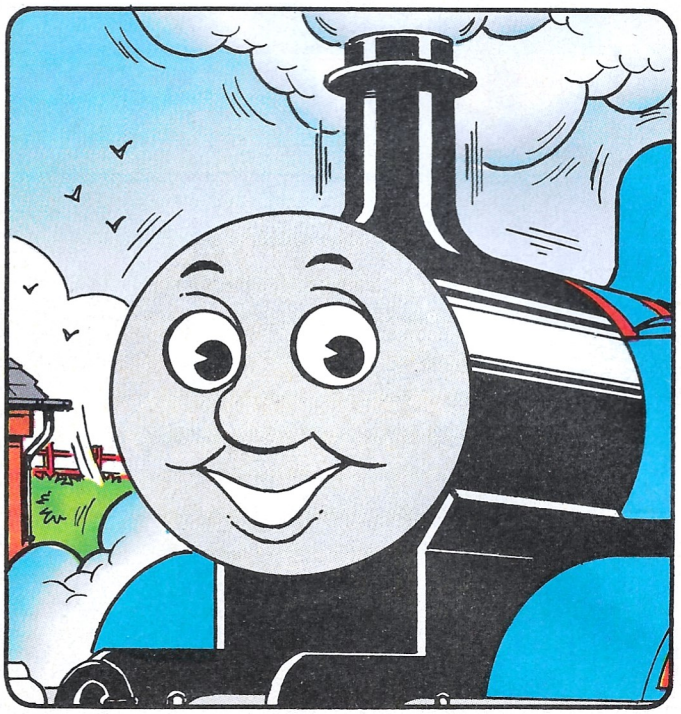


1. One day, while Thomas was waiting at a level-crossing, his driver saw a banner in the park near the track. "Look, there's a go-kart race tomorrow", he said.

2. When Thomas returned to the Main Station yard he was surprised to find the Fat Controller's grandchildren, Stephen and Bridget, riding a strange machine.

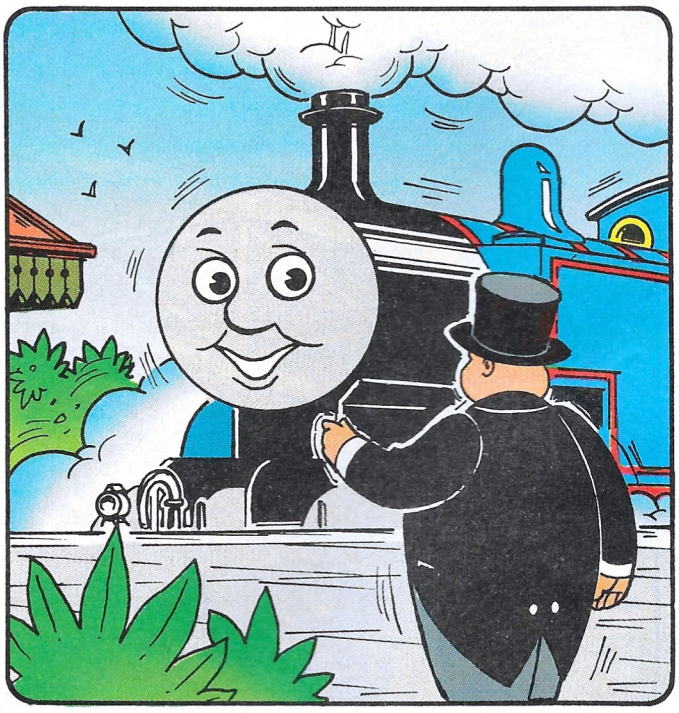


3. They stopped by Thomas and waved. "We're staying for the weekend!" Stephen said. "Grandad's built us our own go-kart for the race!" added Bridget.

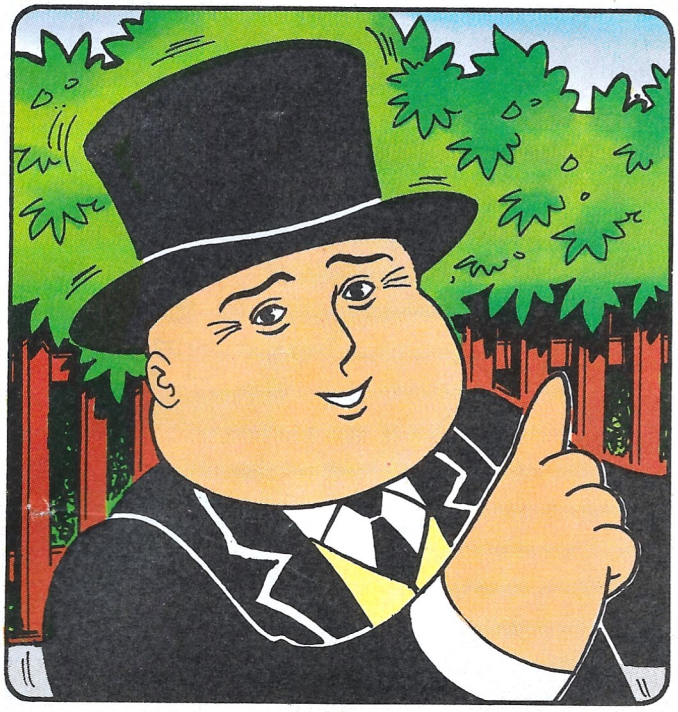


4. "So that's what a go-kart looks like!" cried Thomas. "That race sounds very exciting!" The youngsters hurried off on their kart as the other engines stared.

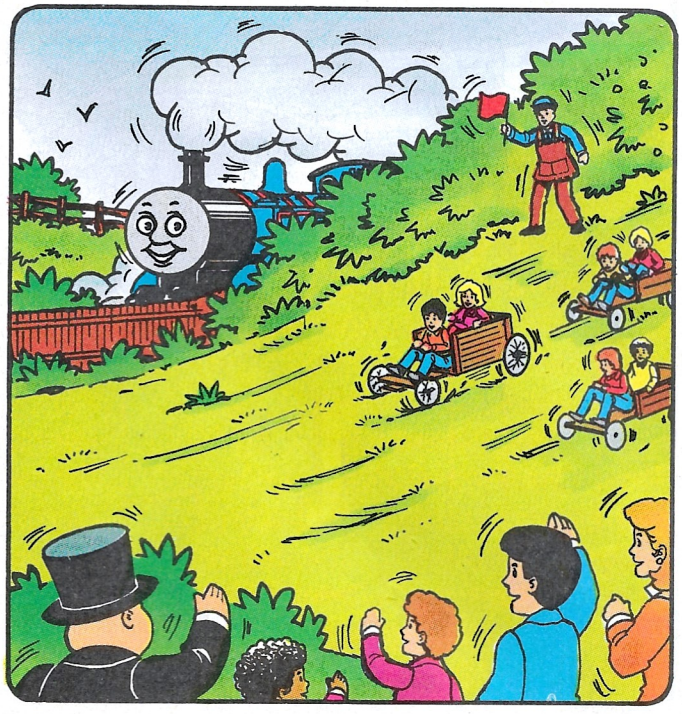
5. Next morning, Thomas was coupled to Annie to take the Fat Controller and his grandchildren to the race.The kart was loaded into the guard's van.



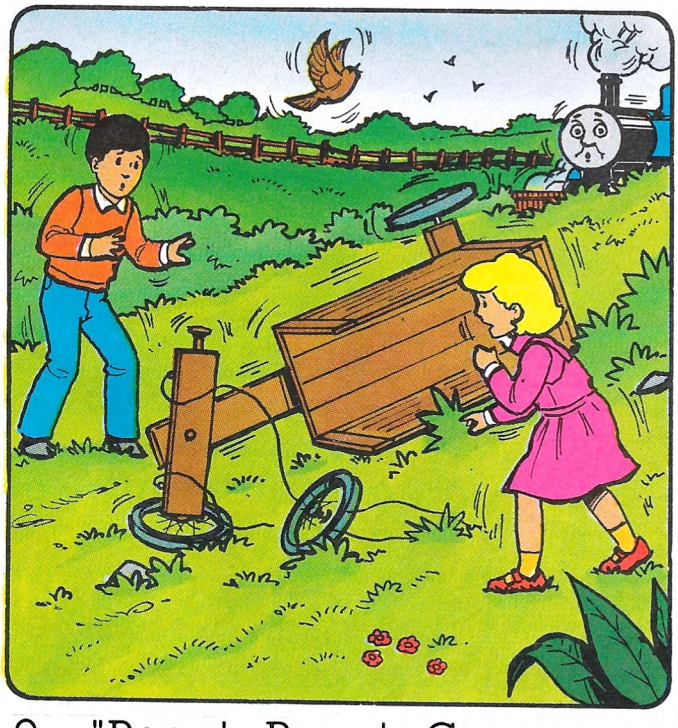
6. When everyone was sitting in Annie,Thomas steamed on his way.At the station by the park the Fat Controller asked Thomas to wait in a siding.



7. "As a special treat,I have re-arranged your schedule so you can watch the race too, Thomas!" said the Fat Controller.Thomas was very pleased.

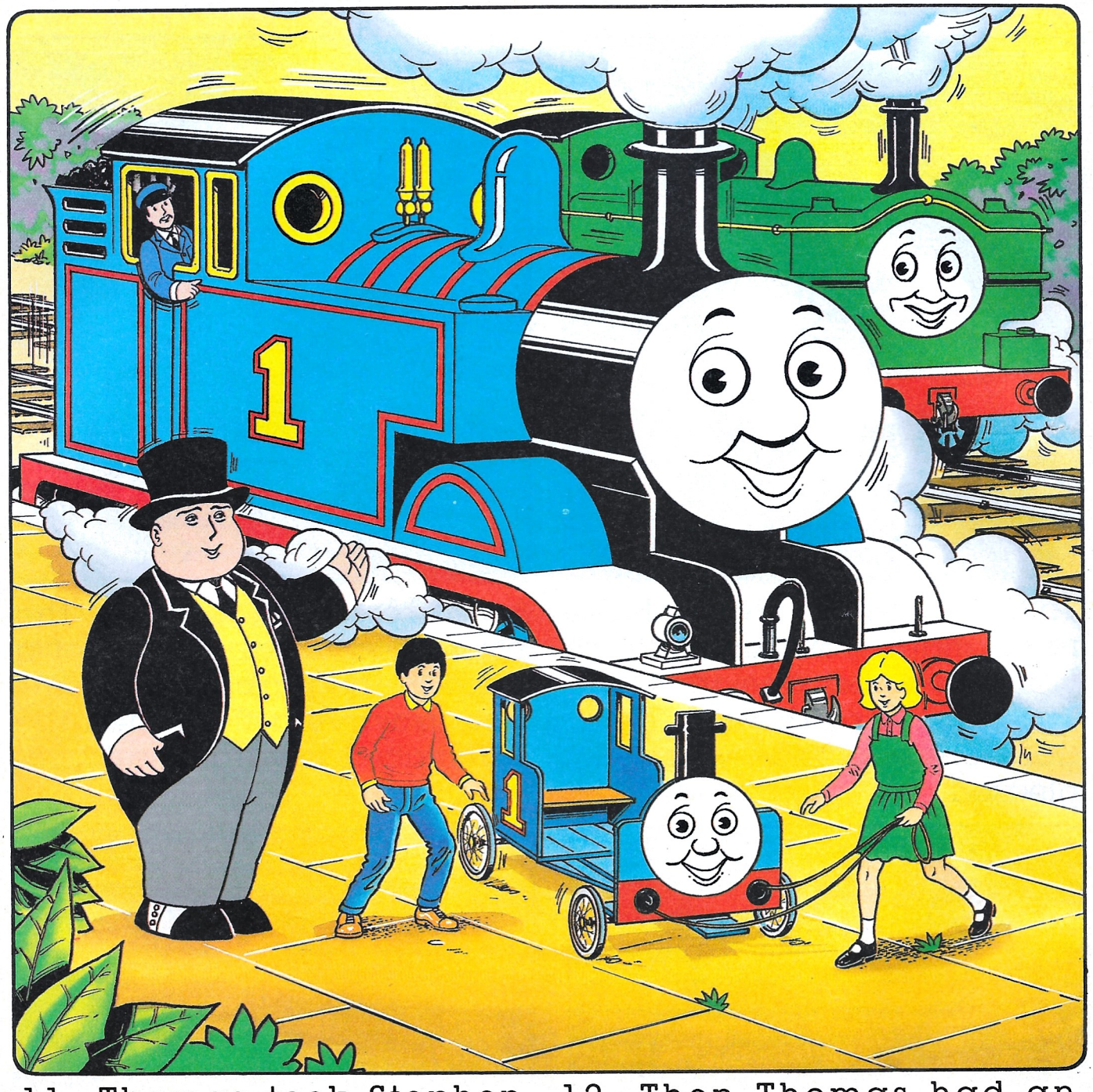


8. A crowd gathered as the karts lined up at the top of a slope in the park.Thomas saw a man wave a flag, then the karts raced towards the finishing line.



9. "Peep! Peep! Come on, Stephen and Bridget!" whistled Thomas. Suddenly, their kart hit a bump and overturned. The children were unhurt but their kart was broken.

10. Stephen and Bridget pulled the kart to the end of the race and came last. People cheered them for being so brave."What bad luck!" huffed Thomas.



11. Thomas took Stephen, Bridget and the Fat Controller back to the Main Station."Our kart is too badly damaged to mend," said Stephen.That night in the shed all the other engines heard what had happened."It's a shame karts aren't like us!" said Duck."Engines are strong and dependable!"

12. Then Thomas had an idea."That's clever of you!" said the Fat Controller when Thomas told him.He arranged to have a new kart built for his grandchildren. It looked just like Thomas! "I'm glad we lost the race!" said Stephen."If we'd won it, we'd never have got a super Thomas-kart!" agreed Bridget.

THE END!

In our next issue: Keeping time!

WIN A TRIP OF A LIFETIME WITH SLUSH PUPPiE AND FRIENDS!

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1.How many themed lands does Chessington World of Adventures Have?
a.2
b.9
c.5

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a. Professor Burp's Bubbleworks.
b. The Vampire.
c.The Dragon River Water Ride.

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THE FIRE ENGINE!

Gordon was pulling the Express on the main line. He was the biggest and strongest of all the Fat Controller's engines, and he steamed proudly along.

"The Express must run on time!" thought Gordon importantly. As he raced around a bend, he saw a signal ahead was at stop. Beyond the signal was a big, red fire-engine blocking the line. It was on a level crossing. Gordon's driver applied the brake and, hissing steam, Gordon gradually pulled up at the signal.

"Our fire-engine has broken down!" one of the firemen called to Gordon's driver. "We were returning to the fire-station after putting out a grass fire. It's lucky we aren't in a hurry now!" Gordon was cross.

"I am in a hurry!" he snorted. A fireman was looking at the fire-engine's motor.

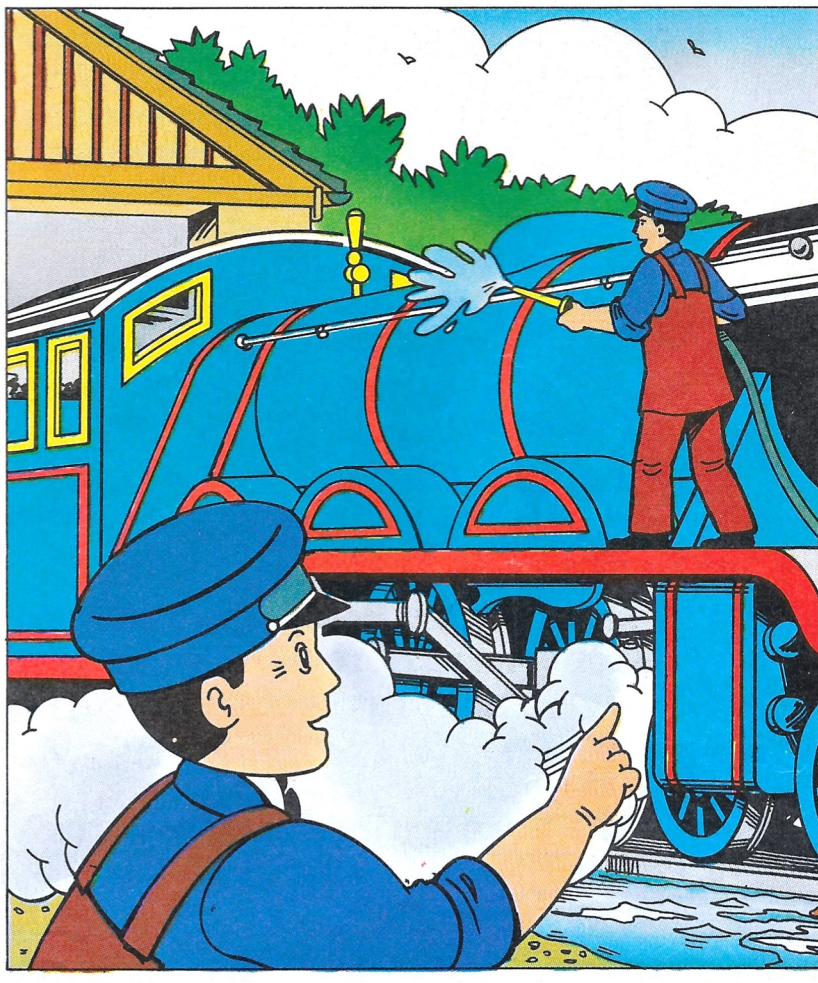
"I think I've found what's wrong!" he said. "I'll soon fix it!"

Gordon huffed and puffed impatiently until the fireman had finished. Then all the men climbed into the fire-engine and it finally drove off. At last, the crossing gates were opened so Gordon could get started again.

"Pah!" he fumed. "I'm late! People waiting for me at the stations along the line will wonder where I am!"

That evening, in the shed, Gordon was still grumbling about the fire-engine. Next day, Gordon was determined to be on time with the Express. He rolled into the Main Station yard and was coupled to his coaches. Then he pulled up to drink at the water tower. His wheels splashed through a huge puddle underneath it.

"The water tower has been leaking! It's empty!" the



Stationmaster told Gordon's driver. "There will be no water until the engineers have mended it!"

"Yesterday, it was the fire-engine," fumed Gordon. "Now there's another delay!"

fire-engine

His driver overheard and had an idea. He spoke to the Fat Controller who rang the fire-station. In minutes, the fire-engine came hurtling into the yard with it's bell ringing loudly.

"Gordon can take on water from the fire-engine," said the Fat Controller. Gordon was surprised. He did not know that fire-engines carried water.

"We deal with all sorts of emergencies!" said one of the firemen.

Soon Gordon had all the water he needed and he set off, right on schedule, with the Express.

"I won't be late today, after all," said Gordon, "thanks to that Really Useful Fire-Engine!"

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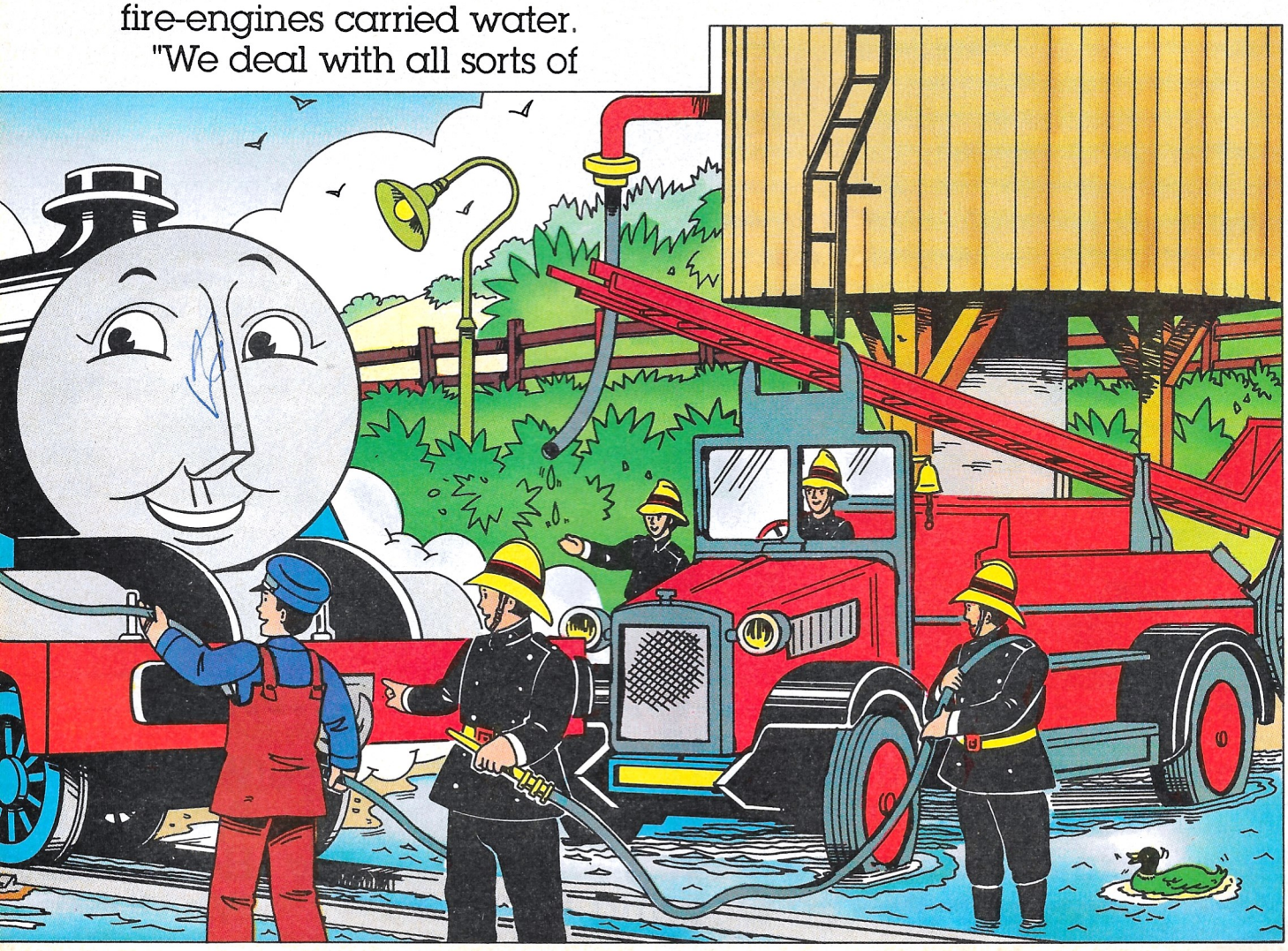

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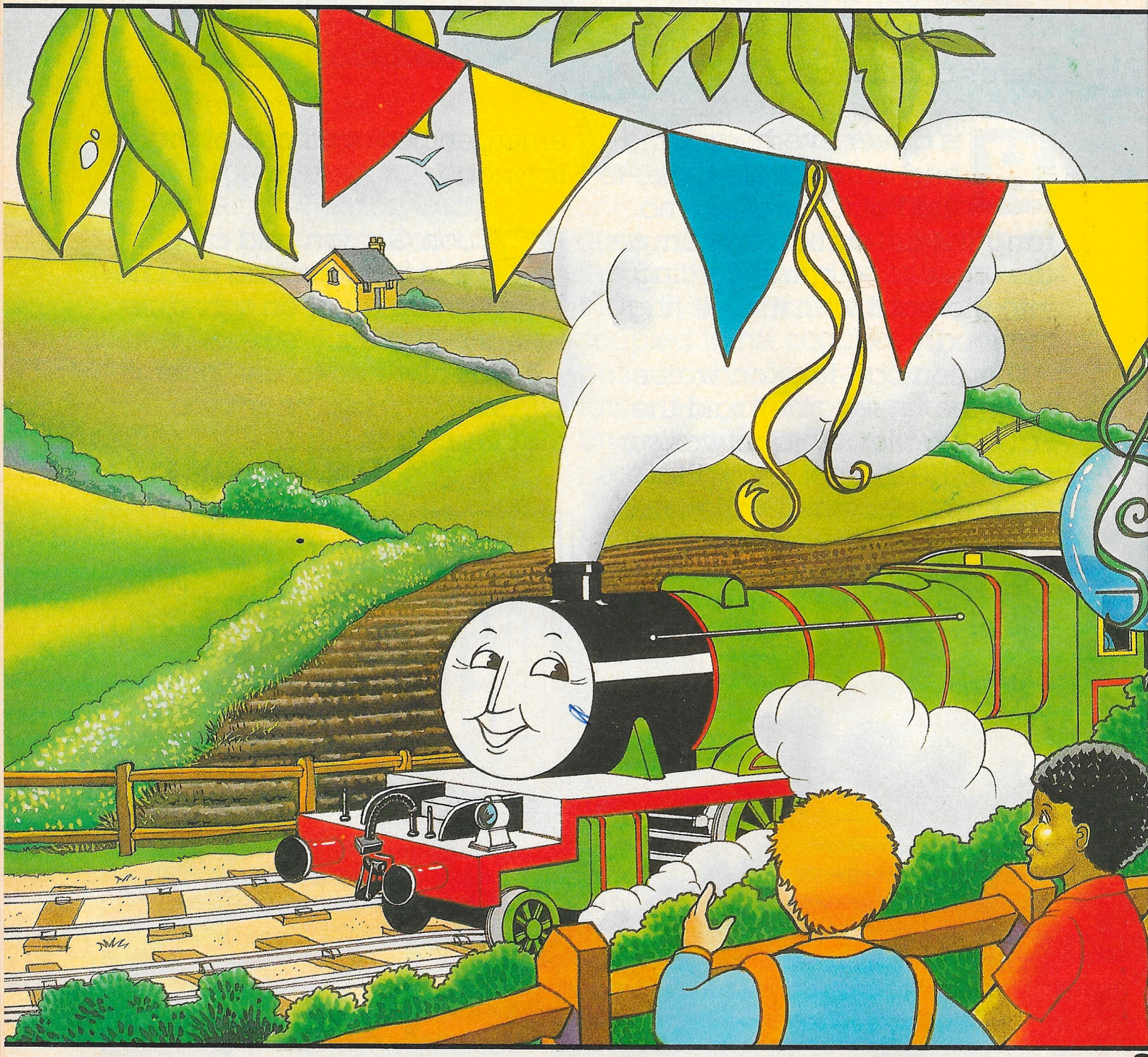

Which engine can you see?
What colour is he?
How many guards are at the party?
How many people are wearing hats?

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In our next issue: Up the hill!

COLOURING TIME!

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So colour it in red, yellow and blue!

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Please send your entry to ***Thomas Computer Game Competition, Marvel Comics Ltd., 13-15 Arundel Street, London WC2 3DX***. This competition will close on 8th October 1993. The first 3 correctly drawn entries will win a first prize and the following 30 will be runners up.

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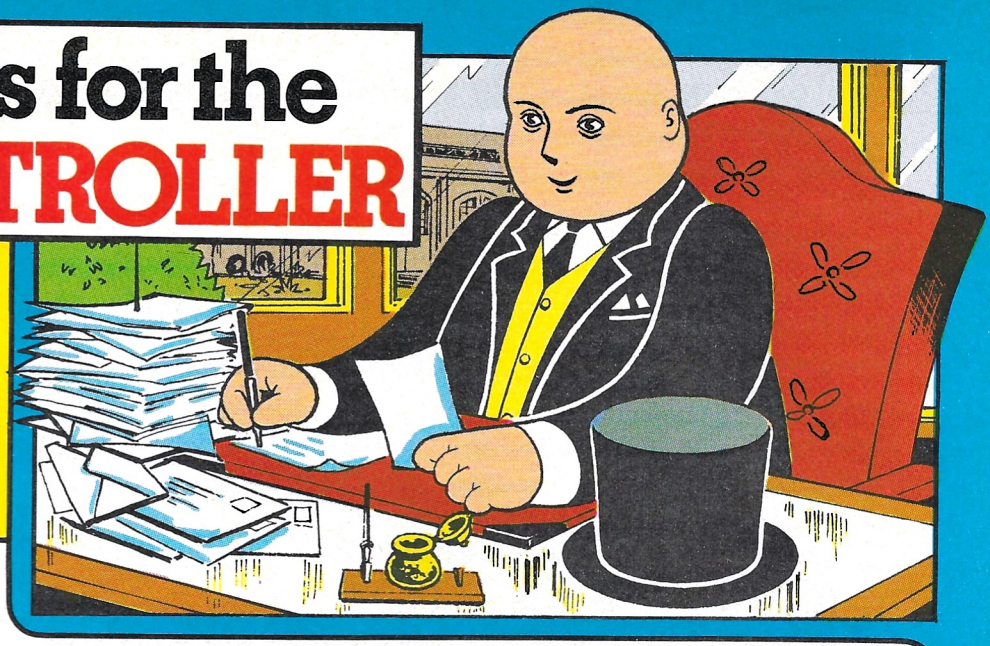
Your letters for the FAT CONTROLLER



Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas or his friends? If so, then write to me at the address shown below! I would be so very pleased to hear from you!

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STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,
When I get older, I would like a job like yours, so that I could look after all the engines! Do you think it is hard to make the engines behave themselves?

Love from **Bradley Simpkins**, aged 4.

Bless my soul! I do hope you will be able to work for a railway company one day! You will have to work very hard to organise your engines efficiently! I do find that my own engines are very helpful indeed!

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The sender of any letter that is printed as our **STAR LETTER** will win some splendid **Thomas Pre-school** toys courtesy of *ERTL (UK) Ltd.*

SOOTY ENGINE!

Dear Fat Controller,
My Grannie and Granpa took me for a ride on a steam train. But the train was naughty and covered Granpa and my brother Adam in soot, when it blew it's whistle! Does Thomas do this?

Love from **Paul Toulson**, aged 6.

Yes! There is a bridge at the top of Gordon's Hill which Thomas and Gordon pass underneath frequently. There is a splendid view there where everyone can see their favourite engines puff past.

HAPPY ENGINE!

Dear Fat Controller,
I like Trevor the Traction Engine. I am glad he was saved from the scrapyard. He says he likes children too. My Grandad is also called Trevor.

Love from **Christopher**, aged 3.

Trevor is one of the happiest engines because he enjoys meeting people, especially new visitors on the Island of Sodor!

BIRTHDAYS!

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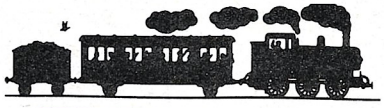
Yours
Sir Topham Hatt
The Fat Controller!



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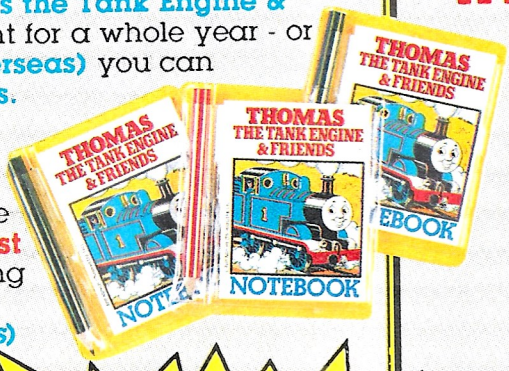

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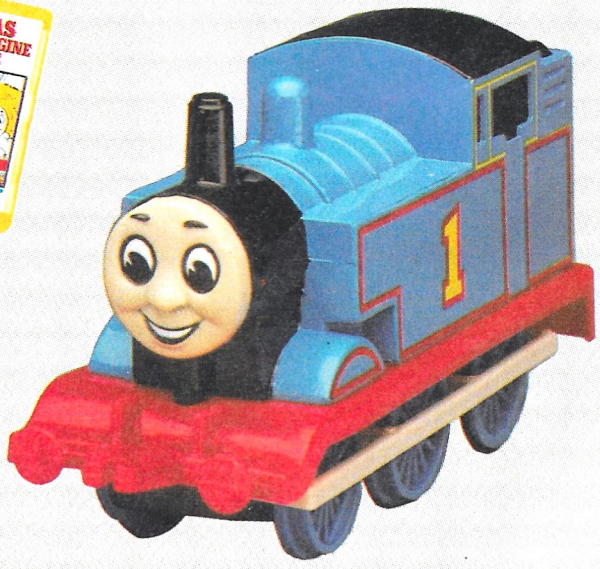

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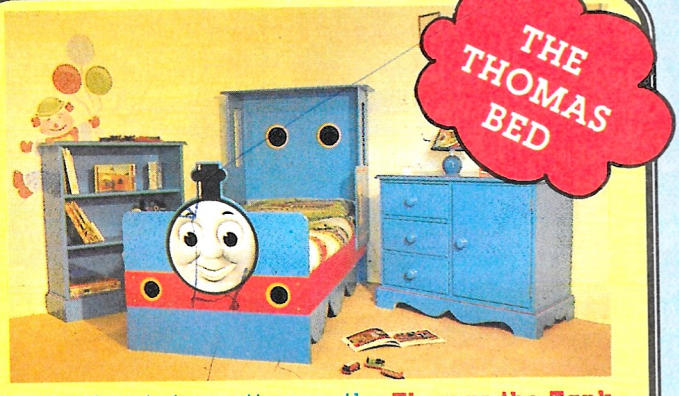

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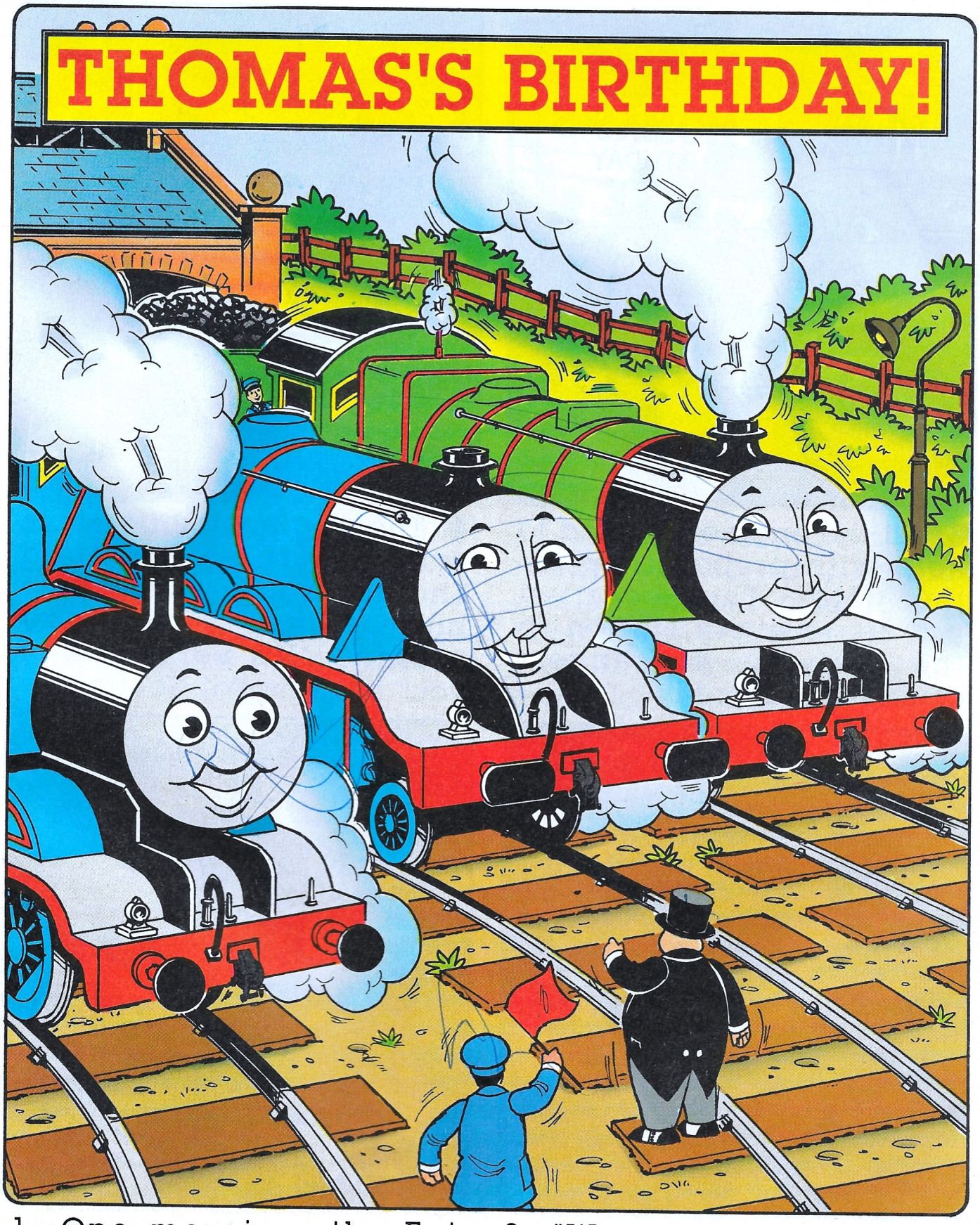
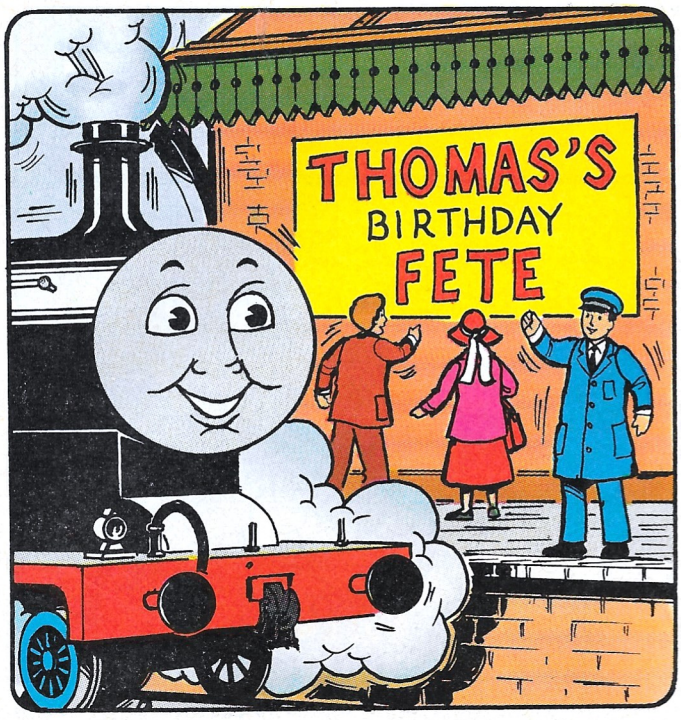
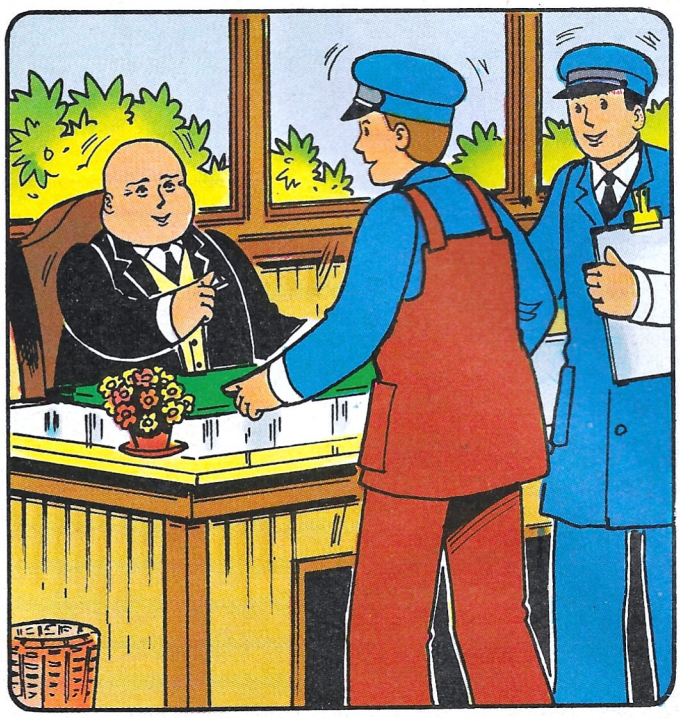


1. One morning, the Fat Controller spoke to his engines. "It is Thomas's birthday on Saturday!" he announced. "We want it to be a most special occasion.

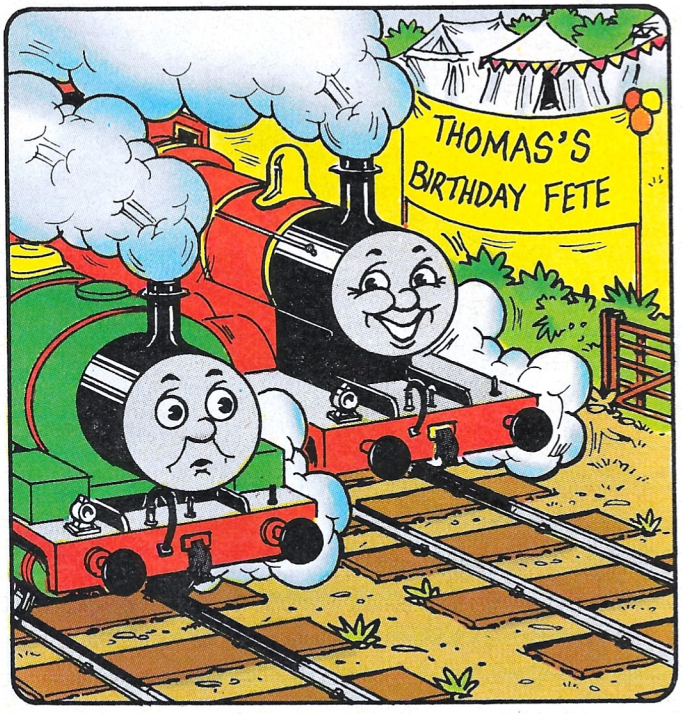
2. "We will celebrate by having a fête!" he added. The fête was to be held in a large field by a siding on Thomas's branch line. Thomas was very pleased.



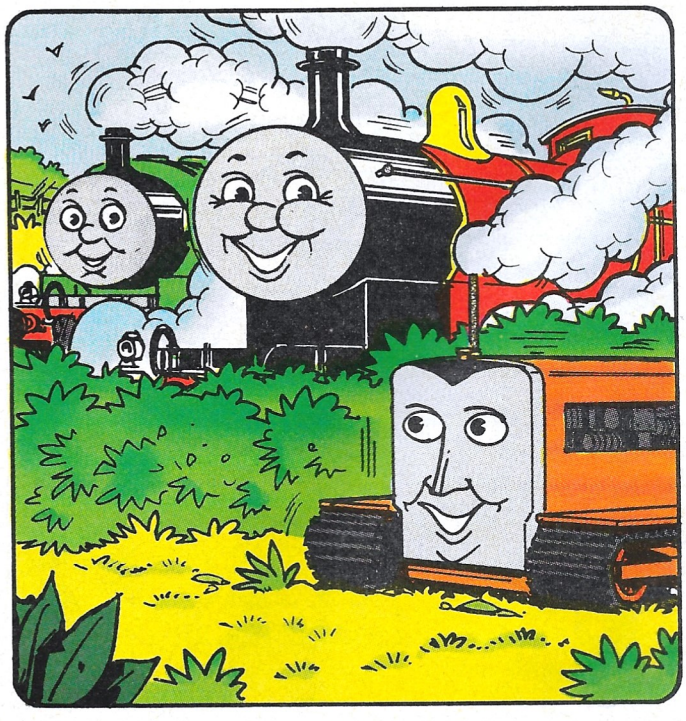
3. All the engines wanted to help with preparations for the fête. They carried posters to every station so the railway passengers could read about it.



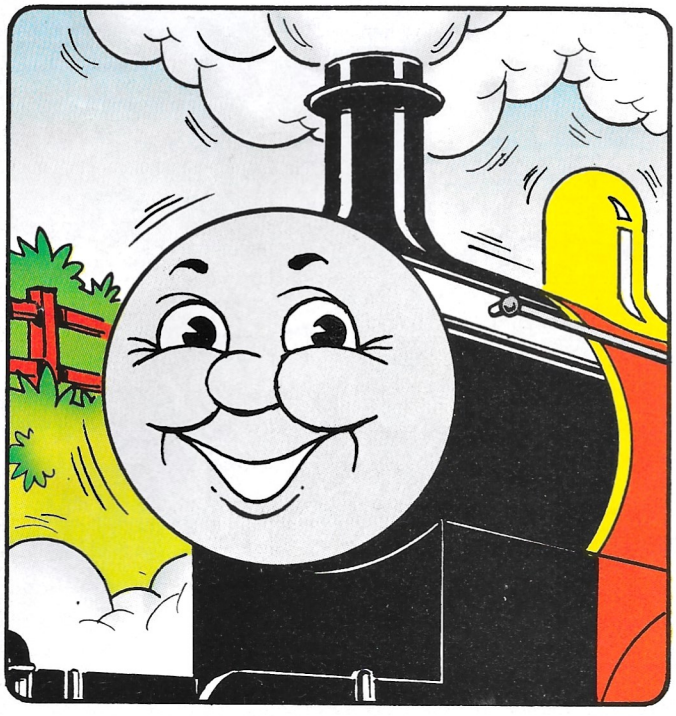
4. The engineers offered to work overtime to build Thomas some shiny new buffers as a birthday present. "It's very kind of you!" said the Fat Controller.



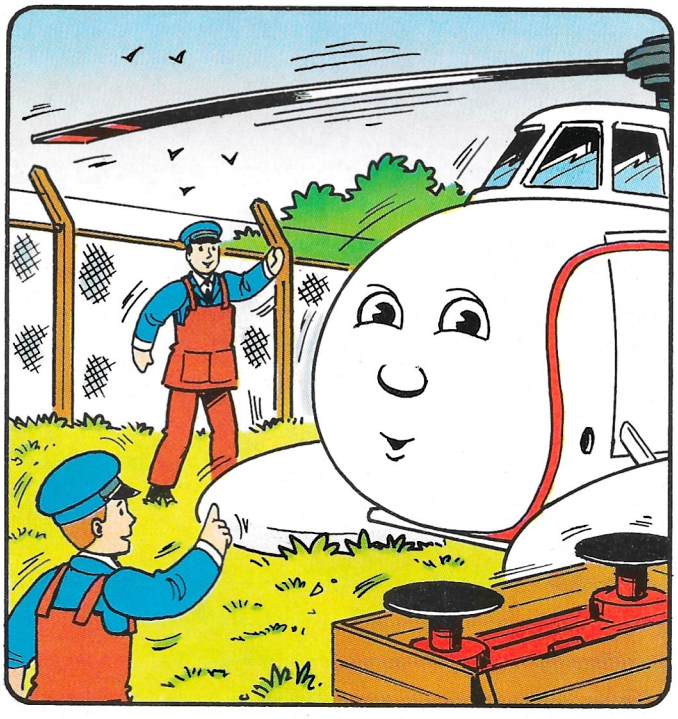
5. The engines delivered lots of goods to the field ready for the fête. "The Fat Controller has chosen me to bring the Mayor on Saturday!" boasted James.



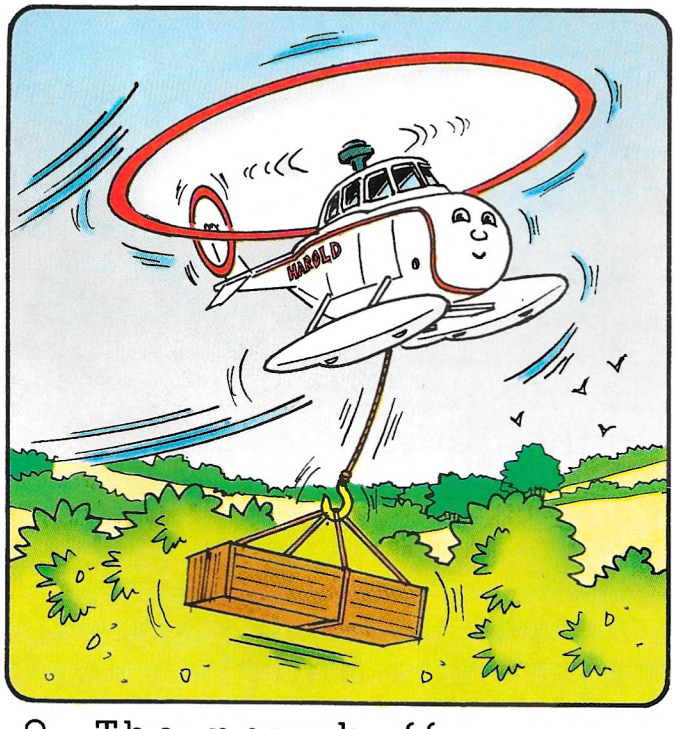
6. "Puff yourself up anymore and you'll burst your boiler!" teased Percy. Terence the Tractor saw the engines steaming to and from the siding by the field.



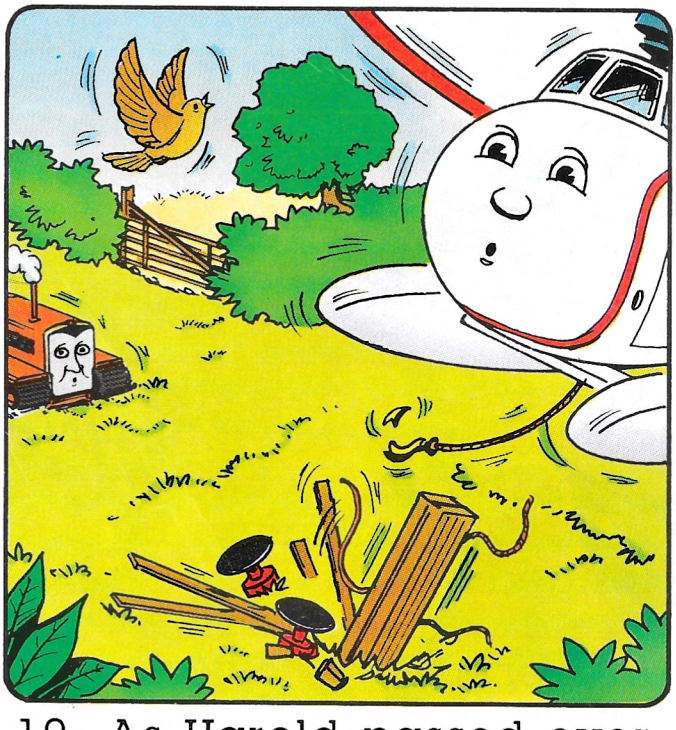
7. When he heard about the fête, Terence wanted to help. "You're much too slow with your caterpillar treads! This is a job for engines!" laughed James.



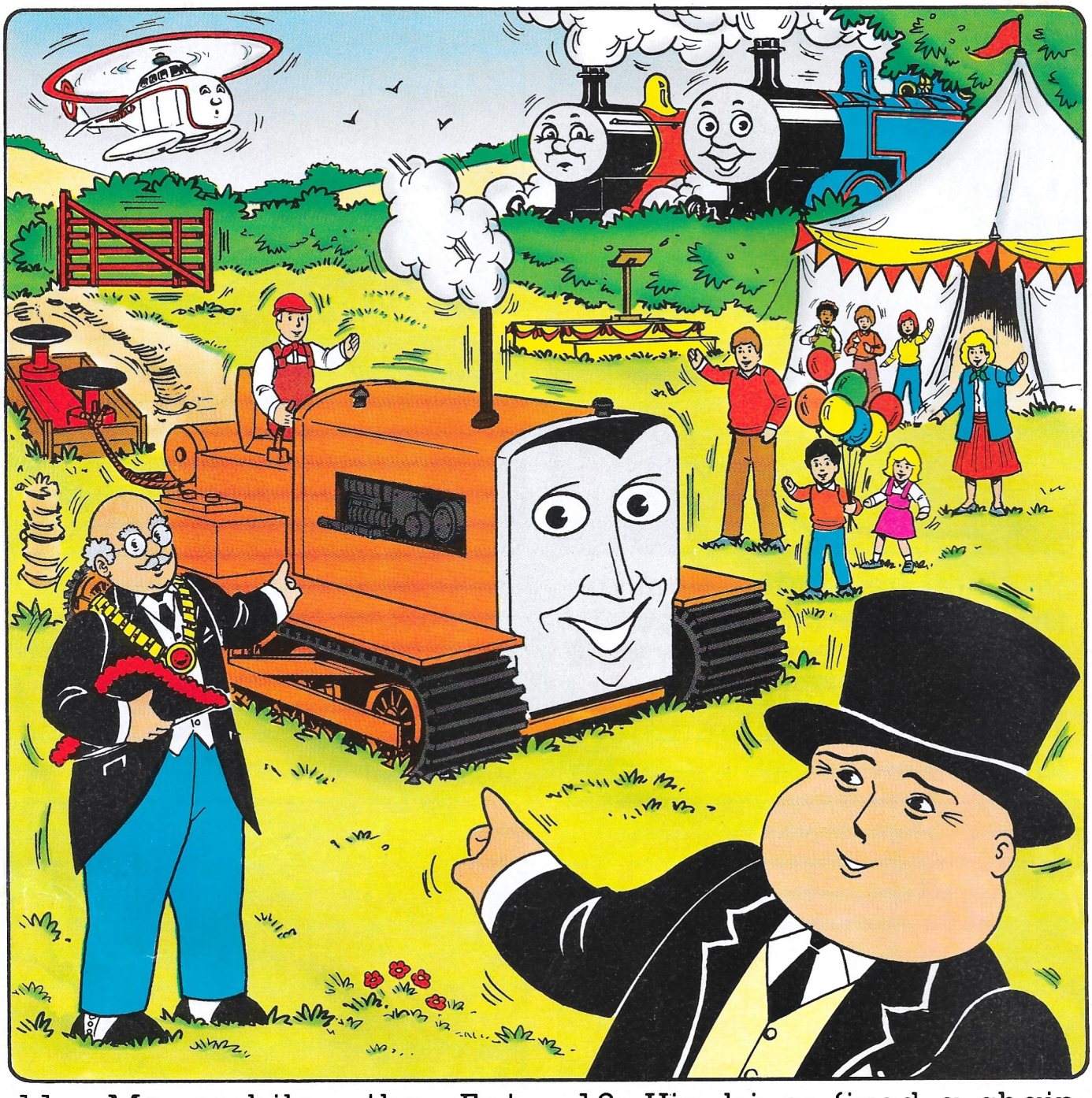
8. At last, everything was ready. On the day, Harold the Helicopter had to fly Thomas's new buffers to the fête. The present was to be a special surprise.



9. The new buffers were hooked underneath Harold and he took off. "Only I can lift them easily!" he boasted. "Helicopters are more useful than engines!"



10. As Harold passed over another field, near the fête, his hook suddenly broke and he had to land with his crate dangling near the ground. "Oh, no!" cried Harold.



11. Meanwhile, the Fat Controller arrived at the fête with Thomas, while James brought the Mayor. Harold landed and his pilot explained what had happened. "The buffers aren't broken!" he added. "Oh dear! I don't have a spare engine," said the Fat Controller. Terence overheard and chugged to the rescue!

12. His driver fixed a chain to the buffers. Then Terence pulled them to the fête. The Fat Controller was delighted. The Mayor presented the new buffers to Thomas and everyone sang 'Happy Birthday'. "Now I'm the most useful for the present!" Terence joked happily.

THE END!

In our next issue: The signal-box!